

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY ARTS COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JUNE 13, 2016**



The meeting of June 13, 2016 was held at 10:00 a.m. at the Los Angeles County Arts Commission, 1055 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 800, Los Angeles, CA 90017.

Present: Pamela Bright-Moon
Betty Haagen
Eric Hanks
Constance Jolcuvar
Bettina Korek
Peter Lesnik
Claudia Margolis
Kathryn McDonnell
Alis Clausen Odenthal
Claire Peeps
David Valdez
Rosalind Wyman

Absent: Helen Hernandez (excused)
Norma Provencio Pichardo (excused)
Hope Warschaw (excused)

Staff Present: Laura Zucker, Executive Director
Miriam Gonzalez, Executive Assistant
Anji Gaspar-Milanovic, Director of Grants and Professional Development
Leticia Buckley, Director of Communications
Pauline Kamiyama, Interim Director of Civic Art

Also Present: Madeleine Rackley

President Korek called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

Absentee Excuses

Roll was taken and on a motion by Commissioner Clausen Odenthal, seconded by Commissioner Lesnik, the excused absences for the meeting of June 13, 2016 were unanimously approved.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion made by Commissioner Lesnik, seconded by Commissioner Hanks, the minutes for the meeting of May 9, 2016 were unanimously approved.

Correspondence

Secretary Haagen circulated thirteen thank you letters from Organizational Grant Program recipients and Community Impact Arts recipients, thanking the LA County Board of Supervisors for grant awards received. The dA Center for the Arts also sent a letter thanking the LA County Board of Supervisors for the Cultural Equity and Inclusion Town Hall held in Pomona on May 14, 2016.

President's Items

President Korek cancelled the June 28, 2016 and July 11, 2016 commission meetings.

Commissioners discussed extending the September or October commission meeting in preparation for the report back to the Board of Supervisors on the Cultural Equity and Inclusion Initiative. Commissioners will be polled via email to see which of the two meeting dates will work.

Executive Director

Laura Zucker gave an update on the Ford Theatre construction project and the opening season events. The 2016 season brochure was distributed to commissioners.

Ms. Zucker gave an update on one-time final changes for the Arts Commission's budget request for FY 2016-17. The budget includes \$100,000 for the Cultural Equity and Inclusion Initiative, \$113,000 in ongoing funding for minimum wage increases for the Arts Internship program, \$100,000 for arts education, and \$375,000 from Supervisor Kuehl's discretionary fund to continue the Ford Signature Series.

Pauline Kamiyama, Interim Director of Civic Art, gave an update on the Board of Supervisors motion from April 5, 2016, *Celebrating and Sharing the Culture, Diversity, History and Priorities of Los Angeles County* ([attached](#)). Following a meeting with representatives from the Executive Office and county affinity groups, the Arts Commission is preparing a report back to the Board of Supervisors prior to July 5 with recommendations for rotating exhibitions at the Hall of Administration and County facilities. Commissioner Clausen Odenthal suggested including a recommendation for exhibitions of student artwork from Arts for All school districts.

Cultural Equity and Inclusion Initiative Update

Commissioner Peeps reported the Arts Commission has hosted eight of twelve Town Halls throughout Los Angeles County. Supervisors Solis and Ridley-Thomas have attended Town Halls.

Experiencia.com

Leticia Buckley, Director of Communications, gave a power point presentation on the County's cultural calendar, [experiencia.com](#). Commissioners previewed features of the new calendar which will be re-launched by [discoverla.com](#) in mid-July with support from Metro.

FY 2015-16 OGP Additional Reallocations

Anji Gaspar-Milanovic, Director of Grants and Professional Development, gave an overview of the memo outlining the forfeited grant by Friends of Arts Education at the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts in the amount of \$31,200 and a recommendation to reallocate funds.

Following discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Lesnik, seconded by Commissioner Clausen Odenthal, to accept the recommendation ([attached](#)) to reallocate the available funds to the following grantees: Tia Chucha's Centro Cultural, American Youth Symphony, The Pasadena Arts Council, and Pacific Crest Youth Arts Organization. The motion carried unanimously.

2016-2017 Organizational Grant Program Awards

Anji Gaspar-Milanovic, Director of Grants and Professional Development, gave an overview of the proposed 2016-2017 grant award allocations totaling \$4,518,000 and reviewed the proposed grant award recommendations for 205 organizations. Commissioners received a handout that outlined how grant awards are calculated ([attached](#)).

A motion was made by Commissioner Lesnik, seconded by Commissioner Hanks, to accept the grant award recommendations as presented ([attached](#)) and fund a total of 205 arts organizations. The motion carried. Ayes: Commissioner Lesnik, Hanks, Bright-Moon, Clausen Odenthal, Haagen, Jolcuvar, Korek, Margolis, McDonnell, Valdez, and Wyman. Abstained: Commissioner Peeps.

Commissioners discussed the increase in grantee applications, the total OGP fund allocation and how to sustain the current level of funding to support existing and new applicants. Commissioners requested further discussion at the September or October meeting to review the OGP the criteria used to evaluate applicants.

Civic Art Committee Report

Commissioner Clausen Odenthal, Chair of the Civic Art Committee, reported the committee members met prior to the general meeting on June 13, 2016 to welcome new members and review the civic art report. She recommended Commissioners review the report and visit completed civic art projects in their districts.

Commissioner Items

Commissioner Valdez reported he is leaving the YMCA to start a new job with NBC Universal as starting June 20, 2016.

Public Comment

None.

The Arts Commission meeting of June 13, 2016 was adjourned at 12:00 p.m. on a motion by Commissioner Hanks, seconded by Commissioner Lesnik, and unanimously approved.